

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 96-358-C - ORDER NO. 97-416  
MAY 16, 1997

IN RE: Petition of AT&T Communications of                    )  
      the Southern States, Inc. for Arbitration            )  
      with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.             )  
  )

ORDER

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for discussion on the filings of AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (AT&T) and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) related to the Local Interconnection Agreement reflecting the Commission Order on Arbitration issued March 10, 1997. Two issues remain unresolved.

The first issue has to do with customers' credit history (Issue 29). Both AT&T and BellSouth have submitted proposals on this subject. After due consideration, we must deny AT&T's proposed interconnection agreement language concerning customer credit history and adopt BellSouth's proposal to delete the applicable language, as we do not believe that AT&T's proposal is appropriate or necessary.

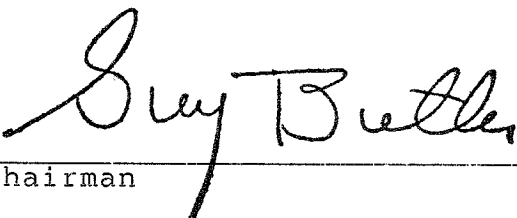
The second issue is regarding rates and charges for unbundled services (Issue 23). After due consideration, we hold that BellSouth's proposed interconnection agreement language complies with the Commission's Order No. 97-189 concerning rates and charges

for unbundled services, therefore we believe that BellSouth's language is most appropriate, and we hereby adopt it.

Accordingly, we hold that the parties must file a final agreement within ten (10) days of their receipt of this Order for the Commission's consideration, which takes into consideration the above-stated holdings.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Deputy Executive Director

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